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TEXT:

((EXCERPTS)) ((AL-QADHDHAFI CONTINUES)) ONE UPON A TIME LIBYA WAS EMBROILED IN A CONFLICT BETWEEN UGANDA AND TANZANIA. WE CONSIDER THAT WRONG. TIME HAS NOW PASSED SINCE THAT HAPPENED BUT WE CONSIDER IT WRONG. HOWEVER, WE SUPPORTED THE REVOLUTION IN UGANDA AND THE REVOLUTION SUCCEEDED. WE STILL STAND BY THAT. I MEAN, ANY POPULAR REVOLUTION AGAINST REACTION AND IMPERIALISM SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY US. HOWEVER, WHEN IT'S A STATE AGAINST A STATE, TO BE ALIGNED WITH ONE STATE AGAINST ANOTHER STATE, EVEN IF THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE -- ONE A REACTIONARY STATE AND THE OTHER ((WORD INDISTINCT)) STATE -- AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, WE AS ARABS, AS AFRICANS, WE SHOULD NOT EMBROIL OURSELVES IN CONFLICTS SUCH AS THESE.

WE SHOULD OFFER A HELPING HAND TO THE AFRICANS AND COMBAT THE ZIONIST INFLUENCE WHICH IS NOW INFILTRATING AFRICA, USING OUR INTERVENTION IN SOME OF THESE CONFLICTS. THANK GOD WE HAVE COURAGE AND SELF-CONFIDENCE WHICH ENABLES US TO CRITICIZE OURSELVES PUBLICLY, DECLARING OUR MISTAKES AND SAYING THAT WE HAVE NOW UNDERSTOOD THOSE MISTAKES AND THAT WE WILL WORK TO EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO OUR AFRICAN BROTHERS.

((QUESTION)) THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN GENERAL, AND THE ARAB AND ISLAMIC PEOPLES IN PARTICULAR, FELT OPTIMISTIC WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECENT CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT IN THE IRAQ-IRAN WAR WHICH PUT AN END TO THE BLOODY 8-YEAR WAR WHICH RAGED BETWEEN IRAQ AND IRAN LEAVING THOUSANDS OF DEAD MUSLIM BROTHERS IN IRAQ AND IRAN. HOW DO YOU SEE, BROTHER COLONEL, THE REGION'S FUTURE FROM THE ASPECT OF ITS SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT, IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH PEACE IN THE GULF REGION?

((AL-QADHDHAFI)) WHEN THE MATTER BECOMES ONE OF BORDERS, WE DO NOT EXPECT IT TO BE SETTLED QUICKLY, BECAUSE BORDERS ARE AN INHERITED PROBLEM. I REGRET THAT SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE AND THE HALTING OF THE WAR, THE ISSUE OF BORDERS HAS BEEN RAISED: WHERE DOES THE BORDER LIE? IS IT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SHATT AL-ARAB RIVER, OR IS IT ON ITS EASTERN BANK? IN FACT I BECAME PESSIMISTIC WHEN I HEARD THAT THIS BORDER ISSUE HAD BEEN RAISED.

BUT I WAS PLEASED WITH THE CEASE-FIRE, BECAUSE I MYSELF HAD EXERTED INTENSIVE EFFORTS WITH BOTH SIDES, ESPECIALLY THE IRANIAN SIDE, TO END THIS WAR. AND WHEN IRAN ACCEPTED THE CEASE-FIRE, THE IRANIAN PRESIDENT SENT ME A LETTER, WHICH WAS BROADCAST AND YOU, OF COURSE, HEARD IT. HE SAID THAT THIS CAME IN RESPONSE TO MY PERSISTENT AND REPEATED CALLS FOR THEM TO HALT THE WAR AND ACCEPT THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION THAT THEY HAD ACCEPTED THE CEASE-FIRE. I THANKED HIM FOR THIS RESPONSE TO OUR REPEATED CALLS. BUT NOW I FEAR THERE MIGHT BE ACTS OF BLACKMAIL, IMMORAL ACTIONS THAT MIGHT OCCUR DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

INDEED I WAS DEPRESSED AND FELT PESSIMISTIC PARTICULARLY WHEN THE BORDER ISSUE WAS RAISED -- THAT IT SHOULD BE DEALT

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WITH FIRST BEFORE SETTLING THE OTHER ISSUES. THIS IS PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE. I HOPE THAT THE OPPOSITE WILL HAPPEN AND THE CART WILL BE PUT BEHIND THE HORSE. WE MUST EXERT EFFORTS FOR THE SAKE OF THIS; LIBYA HAS UNDERTAKEN TO PLACE ITS CAPABILITIES FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANY OBSTACLES AT THE IRAQ AND IRAN'S DISPOSAL. WE MAY INTERVENE ANY TIME NOW IN THE INTEREST OF REACHING A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, WHOSE COMMON ENEMIES ARE ZIONISM, U.S. IMPERIALISM, AND THE ISRAELIS.

((QUESTION)) BROTHER COLONEL, THE HOSTILE WESTERN MEDIA PRACTICE HEGEMONY AND DISTORT THE FACTS AND THE ARAB'S IMAGE. IN OPPOSITION TO THIS, HOW DO YOU VISUALIZE THE DRAWING UP OF A UNIFIED ARAB INFORMATION POLICY, CAPABLE OF CONFRONTING THESE PRACTICES AND DEFENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAUSES OF THE ARAB NATION? THANK YOU.

((AL-QADHDHAFI)) A LONG TIME AGO I DEMANDED ...((CHANGES THOUGHT)) WHEN KING KHALID VISITED US, I SAID AT THE DINNER BANQUET THAT WE ARABS MUST SPEAK IN ONE LANGUAGE TO THE WORLD. WE MAY SPEAK VARIOUS LANGUAGES AMONG OURSELVES AS A RESULT OF THE INTERACTIONS, CONTRADICTIONS, AND ALLIANCES EXISTING BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE GULF, BECAUSE WE ARE ONE PEOPLE AND ONE HOMELAND IN WHICH THERE ARE KINGDOMS, REPUBLICS, JAMAHIRIYAHs, SULTANATES, EMIRATES, AND VARIOUS ALLIANCES. THIS PUTS US, OF COURSE, IN CONTINUOUS INTERACTION UNTIL ALL OF THESE MATTERS ARE SETTLED AND THE CONTRADICTIONS AND OPPOSITIONS ARE REMOVED. BUT WITH THE WORLD, AS ARABS WE SHOULD SPEAK IN ONE TONGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES, THE USSR, EUROPE, AND AFRICA -- THIS INCLUDES THE INFORMATION MEDIA. BUT THIS CALL, OF COURSE, REMAINED A MERE CALL. I STILL INSIST THAT WE SHOULD SPEAK IN ONE TONGUE. BUT OF COURSE THERE IS A DIFFICULTY: THE DIVERSITY IN THE POLITICAL WILLS AND THEIR CONTRADICTORY NATURE MAKES EVERYONE EXPRESS THIS CONTRADICTION IN THE MEDIA. ((PASSAGE OMITTED REITERATING THIS THEME))

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